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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6754

BILL NUMBER: HB 1057

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2014

BILL AMENDED: Jan 9, 2014

SUBJECT: Unobstructed Views at Railroad Crossings.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Slager

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill requires the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to adopt rules concerning distances for maintaining an unobstructed view within (rather than from) a railroad right-of-way. It provides that a rule adopted by INDOT concerning distances for unobstructed views within railroad rights-of-way replaces any common law duties imposed on a railroad with respect to the distances established under the rule.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill's requirements to adopt rules are within INDOT's routine administrative functions and should be able to be implemented with no additional appropriations, assuming near customary agency staffing and resource levels.

Additional Information: The bill amends HEA 1037-2013, which required INDOT to adopt rules requiring minimum distance requirements at railroad crossings. The bill also provided for civil penalties for violations of the rules set by INDOT.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: INDOT.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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